

Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 4, 10 and 15 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A method of treating a disorder characterized by an aberrant activity of a vitamin D<sub>3</sub>-responsive cell, comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a vitamin D<sub>3</sub> compound [having the formula (I) or (II) of any] of claim[s 1 or] 2, such that the aberrant activity of the vitamin D<sub>3</sub>-responsive cell is reduced.

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10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the disorder is selected from the group consist[ing] of osteoporosis, osteodystrophy, senile osteoporosis, osteomalacia, rickets, osteitis fibrosa cystica, renal osteodystrophy, secondary hyperparathyroidism, cirrhosis, and chronic renal disease.

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15. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, a therapeutically effective amount of a vitamin D<sub>3</sub> compound of [any of] claim[s 1 or] 2, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.